

S-444  
John C. Waters House  
Upper Hill  
Private

c. 1890-1900

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: JOHN C. WATERS HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: S-444

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Development Period(s):  
INDUSTRIAL/URBAN DOMINANCE  
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. S-444  
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**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic JOHN C. WATERS HOUSE

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 27770 Waters Lane

not for publication

city, town Upper Hill

vicinity of

congressional district

First

state Maryland

county

Somerset

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name John Alphonso Waters et al. % Louise Rock

street & number 1530 Poplar Avenue

telephone no.:

city, town Baltimore

state and zip code

MD

21216

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Clerk of Court

liber 313

street & number Somerset County Courthouse

folio 312

city, town Princess Anne

state

MD

21853

**6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

title \_\_\_\_\_  
date \_\_\_\_\_  
 federal  state  county  local  
depository for survey records \_\_\_\_\_

city, town \_\_\_\_\_

state \_\_\_\_\_

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The John C. Waters house stands at 27770 Waters Lane in the community of Upper Hill, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay center hall frame house faces south the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Erected around 1890, this two-story, center hall, single-pile main house rests on a brick pier foundation and the exterior is clad with a uniform layer of plain weatherboard siding. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Extending to the north (rear) of the main block is a two-story, two-bay kitchen wing.

The south (main) facade is a symmetrical three-bay elevation with a center entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The entrance is filled with a partially glazed door, and the window frames retain shutter hardware. The entire first floor is sheltered by a single story cross gabled front porch supported on turned posts. The centered cross gable is sheathed with fishscale shingles. A framed knee wall stretches between the posts. The second floor is lighted by three evenly spaced two-over-two sash windows.

The east and west gable ends of the main block are alike with single two-over-two sash windows on each floor including the upper gable end. The eaves to the roof are extended with the soffits open. Piercing the gable roof is a pair of stuccoed brick stove chimneys that flank the center hall.

The north (rear) wall of the main block is partially covered by the two-story, two-bay kitchen wing, which is extended to the rear by a single-story gable roof addition and to the west by an enclosed shed roofed porch marked by single-pane sash windows. The east side of the kitchen is defined by a first floor entrance marked by a four-panel door sheltered by a shed roofed hood. A two-over-two sash window fills the adjacent bay and a pair of similar windows light the second floor. A single flue brick stove chimney rises through the gable end.

The interior was not seen.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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JOHN C. WATERS HOUSE  
27770 Waters Lane  
Chain of title

313/312                      John C. Waters

to

3/27/1979                      John Alphonso Waters  
Ruth Mae Parker  
Evelyn L. Polkinghorn  
Maggie Ellen Burgess  
Sarah Virginia Woolford  
James Cranston Waters  
Daniel William Waters  
Gladys Lattia Waters  
Georgia Louisa Rock

BLB 182/421                      L. Creston Beauchamp, trustee

to

9/3/1957                      John C. Waters  
Georgie M. Waters

BLB 182/419                      John C. Waters  
Georgie M. Waters

to

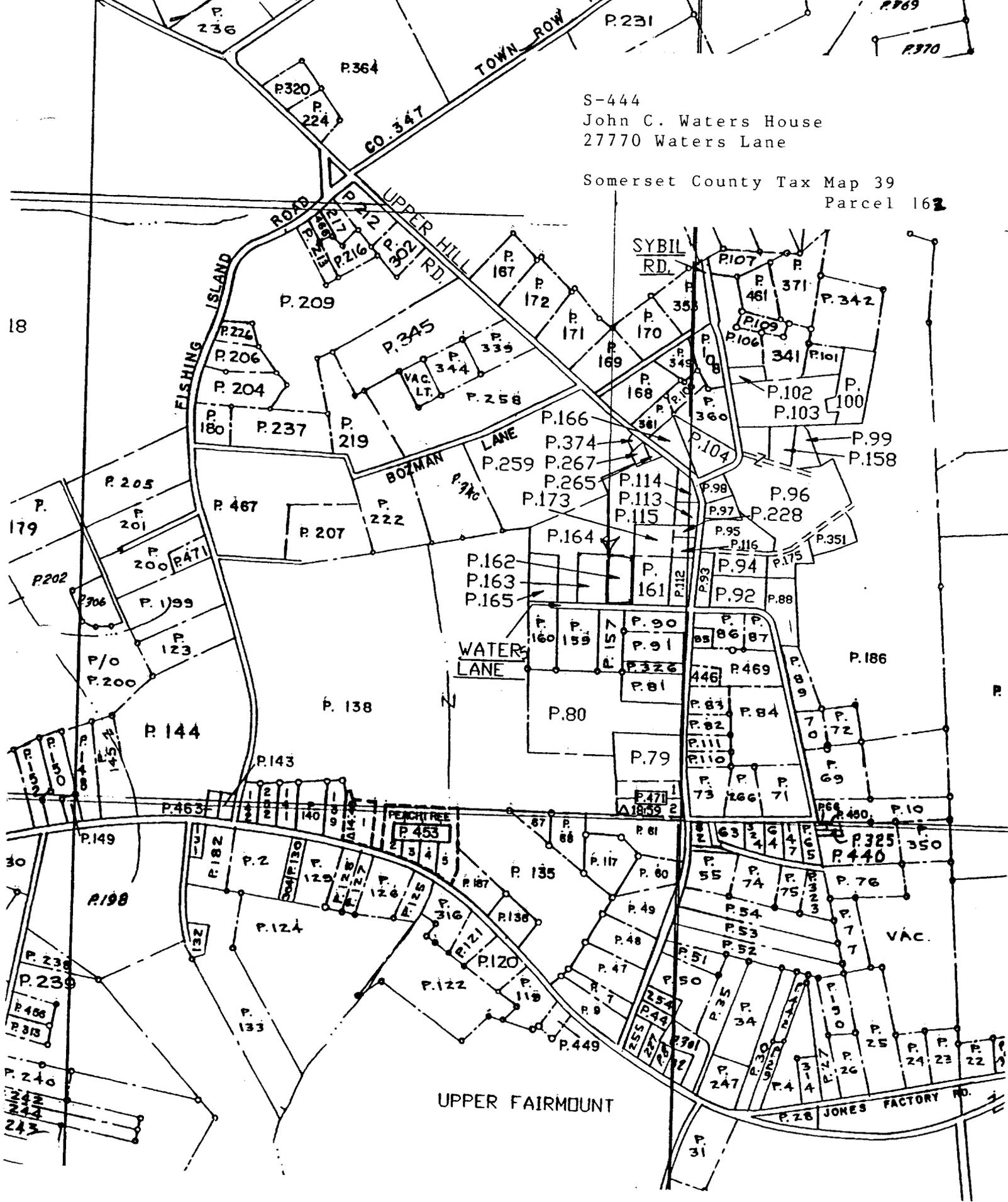
9/3/1957                      L. Creston Beauchamp  
  
1. to John C. Waters from Robert H. Jones  
10/15/1907      48/303  
  
2. to John C. Waters from Robert H. Jones  
4/8/1920      80/314

40/91                              John C. Waters

to

9/24/1904                      Robert H. Jones, Jr.      "Freetown Hill"



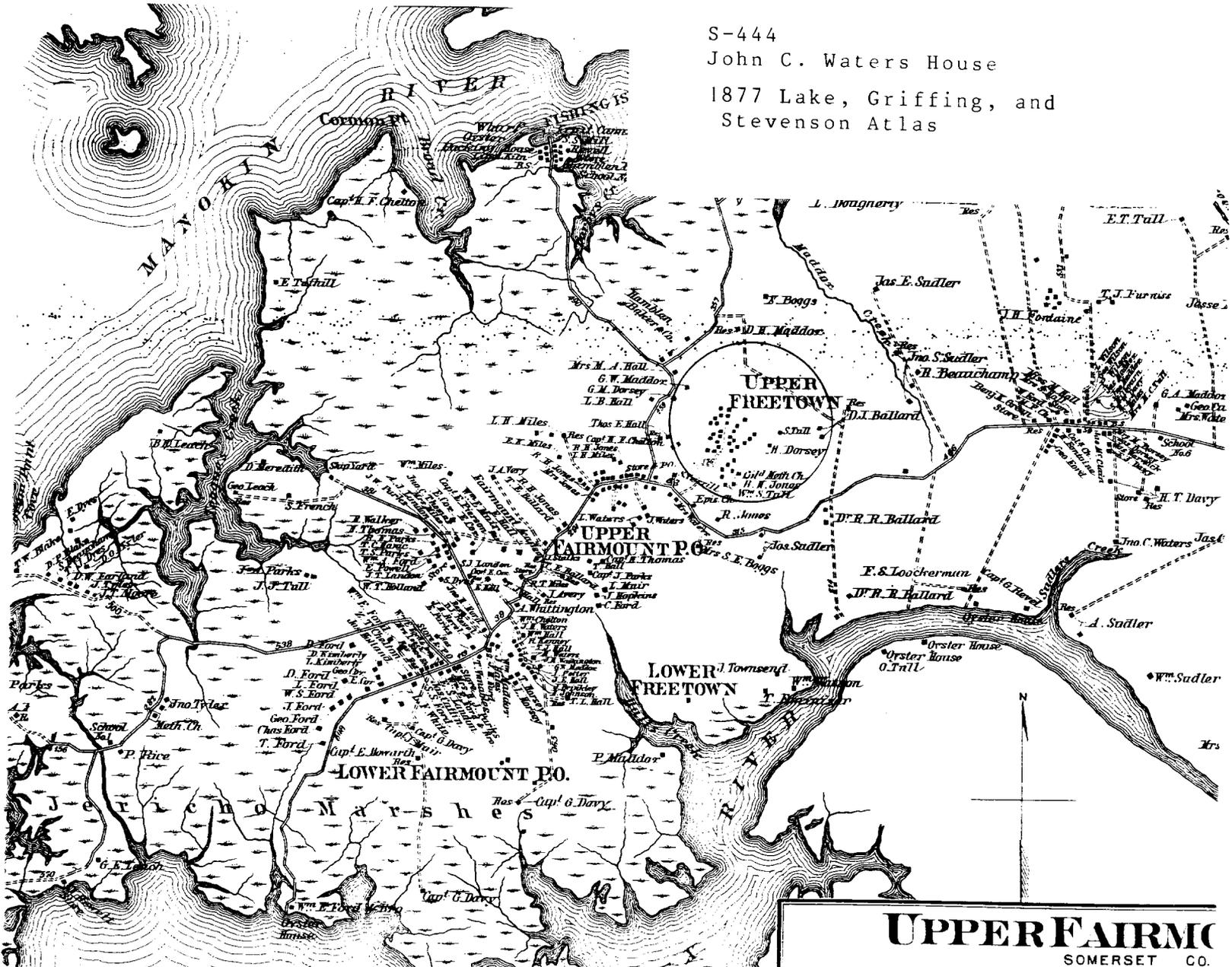


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 1877 Lake, Griffing, and  
 Stevenson Atlas

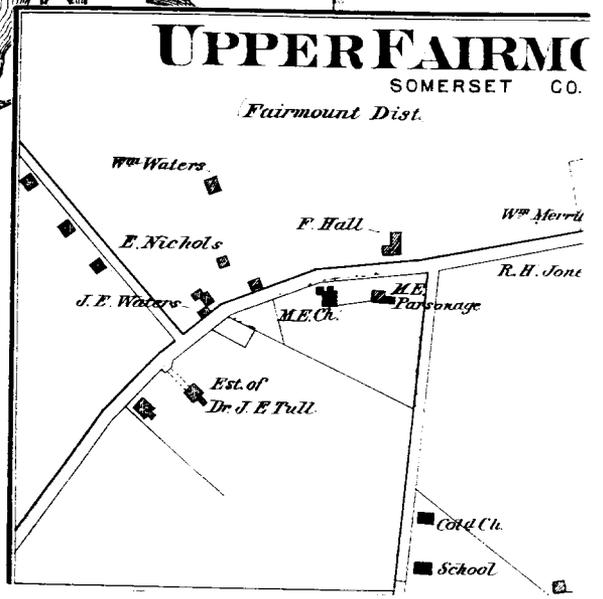


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Upper Hill, Berkeley Co, MD

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